Territory-wise are attached at Annexure. [see Appendix 173, Annexure No. 128]

National Screening Committee on Text Book

5701. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the observation made by the National Screening Committee on Text Book in respect of evaluation of History Books for Class Six in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any anomaly has been found by the Committee in this regard;

(c) if so, whether Government have issued any directive to the State Government; and

(d) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government of Andhra Pradesh on these directives?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KM. SELJA): (a) to (d) The National Steering Committee on School Textbooks Evaluation had, *inter-alia*, observed that the history portion of the Social Studies textbooks brought out by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for class VI needs to be replaced. It also came to the notice of the Committee that syllabus on which the NCERT's textbooks are based has been broadly adopted in Andhra Pradesh. Accordingly, they felt it appropriate for the educational authorities of the State Government to consider the suitability of NCERT's textbooks for adoption/ adaptation.

The report of the Committee along with its recommendations has been sent to the concerned State Government for implementation.

Newspaper Report on UNICEF

5702. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "UNICEF insists on Bihar Project audit" which appeared in the Times of India of 28th September, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the facts and the relevant details in this regards;

(c) what is the total estimated cost of this project and what is the principle of over all cost sharing between the UNICEF, the Government of India and the Bihar Government as per the master plan of operation;

(d) how much of the share money has so far been contributed by the different parties and how these funds have been utilised;

(e) whether any mid-term appraisal of the project has been conducted and if so, what are the necessary details thereof; and

(f) what are the reasons for not agreeing to the UNICEF's demand for conducting project audit and how the matter stands at present?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KM. SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, UNICEF has never insisted upon audit of Bihar Education Project.

(c) and (d) The total estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 360 crores shareable in 3:2:1 ratio between UNICEF, Govt. of India and Govt. of Bihar. Till date the contribution of UNICEF is Rs. 31 crores,

including supplies, Govt. of India Rs. 36 crores and Govt. of Bihar Rs. 11 crores. The expenditure is Rs. 48 crores.

(e) A Mid-term Review of the Project in 1994 has highlighted positive features like a strong women development component, strong and vibrant village education committees and effective non-formal education. The review mission has also suggested strong linkages with primary education system and prompt release of adequate funds to support the programme.

(f) Does not arise.

World Bank Assistance to Polytechnic in Saurashtra

5703. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vice-President of Shri Shardagram, District Junagarh, Gujarat has sent him a letter on 19th November, 1994 requesting for special consideration for recommending their case to the World Bank to increase its sanction by Rupees 5 crores for the said well-known World Bank-aided Polytechnic at Shardagram in rural area of Saurashtra;

(b) whether the Ministry has forwarded their case with its recommendations to the World Bank and if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any reply in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what is the present position of the case?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KM. SELJA): (a) to (d) A request dated 19.9.94 for including an Institute in Shree Shardagram, District Junagarh, Gujarat, under World Bank Assited Technician Education Project of Gujarat was received. Their request was placed before the World Bank's Mission which conducted the Mid-Term Review in October, 1994. The World Bank in the said Review for Phase-I States made a uniform decision that no new additional Institutions or course would be included as additionality in the State of Gujarat due to the reason that the project already approved will have to be completed as envisaged. This decision of the World Bank was duly conveyed to the Institute with the advice to approach State Government for funds out of the normal plan provisions.

Meeting Board of Governors of KVS

5704. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 58th meeting of the Board of Governors was held in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the decisions arrived at in the said meeting?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DEPTT. OF EDUCATUON AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KM. SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan met on 20.04.95. The decisions taken included introduction of Computer Science as elective at +2 stage, rescheduling of the academic session from Ist April to 31st March, delegation/ enhancement of financial powers to Principals continuation of Project Sector Kendriya Vidyalayas, and adoption of Deptt. of Personnel & Training rules in the matter of recognition of service associations among other items.